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ABIDJAN BUREAU**

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THRU: Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Abidjan Bureau--January 1987

I. GENERAL

A. Most mission activity this month centered around preparations for visits from high level U.S. Government officials. Secretary of State George Shultz visited Ivory Coast from 13-15 January as part of a six country Africa tour which also included Cameroon, Senegal, Nigeria, and Liberia in West Africa. The Secretary's visit was followed 16-19 January by that of a congressional delegation headed by Florida Congressman Claude Pepper. Later during the month Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley brought a 22-member trade delegation to meet with members of the Ivory Coast Government and business community. In general, Abidjan appeared to be the "hot spot" for American visitors from all fields of endeavor including rock singer Robert "Kool" Bell of the group "Kool and the Gang", who stopped through for a week to discuss an agricultural business venture with local businessmen and to sign autographs at a local shopping center.

B. The dollar experienced a significant drop against the CFA during the month. The CFA/USD exchange rate went from a high of 321/1 on 2 January to 298/1 at the end of the month. The Embassy economic counselor is predicting a continued downward trend with the CFA possibly reaching 250 before the end of the year. In response to the falling dollar, the post cost of living allowance was increased from Class 42 to Class 50 on 18 January, an increase of about 20 percent for bureau staff employees.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. In connection with the visit of Secretary of State Shultz, the bureau provided all affected regional embassies with previsit comment, reportage during the visit, and comment and analysis of the results of the visit from regional radios. Comment was generally quite favorable but the Nigerians took issue with the vigor with which the Secretary's security team pursued their task. BBC's East Africa Unit provided backstop PANA coverage during the Secretary's visit to Senegal due to poor reception of Dakar radio at Abidjan Bureau.

2. In Chad there was heavy fighting throughout the month between

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Libyan-backed insurgents and troops loyal to Chadian President Habre. On 4 January, the Libyans attacked Arada, south of the 16th parallel which had served as a demarcation line between French and Libyan forces. France retaliated on 7 January by bombing a Libyan radar installation in the north of Chad. As the month ended, there were numerous reports of Libya increasing the number of troops in Chad and of continued fighting in the north.

3. Among the other notable events of the month were the traditional flurry of New Year's speeches by regional leaders; a canceled summit in Yamoussoukro involving Ivory Coast, Ghana, Togo, and Burkina Faso; and the Niger head of state's stroke which required him to be evacuated to France for treatment. The bureau also provided extensive coverage of the visit to Ghana and Nigeria by British Minister of State Lynda Chalker.

B. Technical

The bureau's engineering team has completed installation of press rack antenna matrix select switches. This installation allows editors to select any one of six antennas for optimum reception of press services.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Bureau engineer [] received a promotion effective 4 January. STAT

2. Monitor supervisor [] was named acting chief monitor replacing [] who retired in December. Senior monitors [] will serve as acting monitor supervisor for 3 months each, after which time a permanent supervisor will be named. [] will continue to fill the second monitor supervisor position. STAT
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3. Monitor supervisor [] received a PSI during the month. STAT

B. Buildings and Grounds

The pace of residential security enhancements was stepped up near the end of the month. Safehaven and/or solid core exterior doors with peepholes and dead bolt locks have been installed in three residences by an Embassy contractor. Also, the bureau engineer and technician have completed installation of burglar alarm systems in three of the five staff residences.

V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

1. On 16 January Deputy Chief [] briefed the visiting congressional delegation headed by Congressman Pepper on bureau operations. STAT

2. Engineer [] was drafted into service as one of 10 Embassy STAT

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couriers who shuttled between Secretary of State Shultz' communication center in the Hotel Ivoire and the U.S. Embassy. [] drew the graveyard shift, pulling duty from 2000-0600.

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3. Bureau chief [] along with five other Country Team members served as an official judge for the mission's first West Africa Chili Cookoff (WACCO) organized to benefit the Marine House. The judges had a difficult time agreeing on the winners but were unanimous in the opinion that the task of judging the nine entries was made easier by the fact that large quantities of cold beer and a bottle of champagne were supplied to cleanse their palates between tastes.

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Chief, Abidjan Bureau

*Wonder what
the ingredients
are for African
chili.* STAT

Attachments:

Monthly Production Report

cc: Chief, Swaziland Bureau
Deputy Chief, London Bureau

*Nigerian Red
Palmer star is
undoubtedly
better. GE* B

Abidjan Bureau Production Report for JANUARY 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	192990
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	11060
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	510

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	8037.00 min.	23700.00 min.	113.00 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

BENIN

Cotonou Domestic Service in French	1380
Parakou Domestic Service in French	0
Cotonou EHUZU in French	0

BURKINA

Ouagadougou Domestic Service in French	4800
Ouagadougou CARREFOUR AFRICAIN in French	0
Ouagadougou SIDWAYA in French	0

CAMEROON

Yaounde Domestic Service in English	1170
Yaounde Domestic Service in French	2080
Yaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in English	0
Yaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in French	0

CAPE VERDE

Praia VOZ DI FOVO in Portuguese	190
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CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Bangui Domestic Service in French	1040
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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
CHAD			
Ndjamena Domestic Service in French	25590		
CLANDESTINE			
(Clandestine) Bardai Chadian National Radio in French	4960		
CONGO			
Brazzaville Domestic Service in French	0		
Brazzaville BULLETIN QUOTIDIEN in French			0
Brazzaville ETUMBA in French			0
EQUATORIAL GUINEA			
Malabo Domestic Service in Spanish	0		
FRANCE			
Paris AFP in English		12080	
Paris AFP in French		18030	
Paris Diplomatic Infor Service in French		0	
Paris Diplomatic Infor Service in English		0	
Paris JEUNE AFRIQUE in French			7060
GABON			
Libreville Africa No. 1 in French	4770		
Libreville Domestic Service in French	0		
Libreville L'UNION in French			0
GHANA			
Accra Domestic Service in English	19190		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Accra GHANAIAN TIMES in English			0
Accra PEOPLE'S DAILY GRAPHIC in English			430
Accra WEEKLY MIRROR in English			0
Accra WEEKLY SPECTATOR in English			410
GREAT BRITAIN			
London BBC in English	7990		
London WEST AFRICA in English			0
GUINEA			
Conakry Domestic Service in French	740		
Conakry HOROYA in French			0
GUINEA-BISSAU			
Bissau NO PINTCHA in Portuguese			0
IVORY COAST			
Abidjan Domestic Service in French	2380		
Abidjan Television Service in French	0		
Abidjan FRATERNITE HEBDO in French			0
Abidjan FRATERNITE MATIN in French			3290
Abidjan INFORMATION in French			0
Abidjan IVOIRE DIMANCHE in French			0
LIBERIA			
Monrovia Domestic Service in English	1510		
Monrovia Radio ELWA in English	15070		
Monrovia NEW LIBERIAN in English			0

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BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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MALI

Bamako Domestic Service in French	3850	
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Bamako L'ESSOR in French		0
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MAURITANIA

Nouakchott Domestic Service in French	1610	
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Nouakchott CHAAB in French		0
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NIGER

Niamey Domestic Service in French	3460	
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Niamey LE SAHEL in French		0
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Niamey SAHEL HEBDO in French		0
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NIGERIA

Lagos International Service in English	3380	
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Lagos Domestic Service in English	20330	
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Kaduna Domestic Service in English	570	
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Lagos NAN in English		2410
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Lagos DAILY TIMES in English		0
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Lagos THE GUARDIAN in English		0
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RWANDA

Kigali Domestic Service in French	0	
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SENEGAL

Dakar Domestic Service in French	3920	
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DAKAR PANA in english		1600
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BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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Dakar PANA in French

5260

Dakar LE SOLEIL in French

0

SIERRA LEONE

Freetown Domestic Service in

English

380

Freetown DAILY MAIL in

English

0

THE GAMBIA

Banjul GAMBIA NEWS BULLETIN in

English

0

TOGO

Lome International Service in

French

0

Lome Domestic Service in

French

3440

Lome LA NOUVELLE MARCHE in

French

0

ZAIRE

Kinshasa Domestic Service in

French

850

Kinshasa AZAP in

French

7770

Kinshasa ELIMA in

French

0